covered by the scheme which the Travancore Government has in mind?

Mr. President.—Not that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know what is the delay in constructing the Trichur-Kollangode line?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The matter was discussed very recently before the Harbour Advisory Board. The S. I. R. Company wants the whole survey to be conducted once more before the scheme is actually taken up. But this Government are not prepared to have the survey once again, if possible. From the very nature of the negotiations going on Government think there will be some delay. If there is indefinite delay the Government think that this project which they are now examining will be more feasible in the interest of the public.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know the approximate cost of the resurvey?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—We cannot say what will be the actual cost of the resurvey. The estimate cost according to them will be 60 lakhs of rupees for the whole line.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know the approximate cost that would be involved in undertaking the present transport scheme?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—We have not examined that question so thoroughly and it is not possible to give any further information than what is contained in the answer.

Memorial to the Diwan—Public needs of Pazhanji, etc., places.

301. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—Will the Government be pleased to state what actions have been taken by them on the memorial submitted by the public of Pazhanji, Kattakampal, Kadavallur, Porkulam, etc., to the Diwan on the occasion of his opening of the Karikad Group Court recently?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Government gave very careful consideration to the points raised in the memorial of the inhabitants of the villages under

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the jurisdiction of the Karikad Group Panchayat Court and have ordered the construction of a tank in the Panchayat area in 1114 if funds allow. They have also asked the Chief Engineer to look into the question of the road connecting Karikad road with Kadavallur temple road when the survey for the Kadavallur—Palanji road is conducted. As for the construction of the proposed bridge at Cheruvallikadavu ferry Government think that the question of the bridge need be considered only after the road leading to the ferry is completed. The improvements to the Cochin portion of the Chittathu thodu, in the opinion of the Government, will not serve any useful purpose until similar works are carried out to the remaining major portion of the Canal passing through British territory. In regard to the construction of a bridge at Ambalakkadavu and the starting of an Industrial school, Government regret that they cannot undertake them at present.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—Regarding the tank the Chief Engineer himself has examined it and Government can know what idea he has formed of this tank. It is so miserable and there is no water there. If that is taken up it will be very useful to the public.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Government propose to take it up in 1114 if funds permit.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—With regard to the Chittathu thodu only in that portion of the thodu passing through the Cochin territory there is no water. If this portion of the thodu is improved it will be of use for navigation.

Indebted public officer—application to the Debt Conciliation Board.

302. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the head of any department has put in an application before the Debt Conciliation Board for any relief;

(b) the name of that officer, if any;

(c) what is the total amount of his debts?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—(a) Yes.

(b) Mr. V. R. Maman Chohan, Protector of the Depressed Classes.

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